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a four-page report which gives fragmentary information concerning light-plane and gliding training at the Győr airfield between approximately 1950 and October 1956 and some information on important personnel at that airfield during that period.

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[redacted] Almost all the glider pilots were CP members on paper only. The really good communists were soon taken apart from these sport flyers in order to be trained as jet pilots. So the less good communists were left to gliding.

[redacted] at the Győr airfield the glider club of the Wilhelm Pieck factory was located. This was a section of the Hungarian Aero-club. At this field, which was used only for sport flying, were 2 motor planes (tow-ers) and 14 gliders. There were about 70 pupils. [redacted] a chief of the airfield, with a political commissioner besides. The people who had these jobs were mostly not sport flyers. Chief of the Győr airfield from May 1950 to Dec. 1950 was a certain Jozsef Bergsmann, while a certain Geza (last name unknown) was the political

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commissar. From 1951 to 1952, Tibor Varga had the job both of chief of the airfield and of political commissar. This person [redacted] was quickly transferred to the more important airfield in Papa. Briefly in his place was a certain Miklos Nedoba. 50X1-HUM

From 1952 to 1955 chief of the airfield was Bokor Arpad, while from 1952 to 1954 the political commissar was Laszlo Kower. The latter was replaced by Laszlo Horn. From 1955 to the revolution, these two positions were held by 2 army lieutenants [redacted]

These were Alyos Patyi (chief of the airfield) and Mihaly Csihi (political). [redacted]

[redacted] both these people are still in Győr but have been degraded to workers in the Wilhelm-Pieck factory. A certain Janos Kurunczi is said to be chief of the airfield now [redacted]

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[redacted] according to public opinion, only 10% of the members of the communist party are good party members. The rest are so called "paper" or "bread" communists. [redacted]

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